Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Testimonial Dinner Honoring Emilio Grandinetti

Emilio Grandinetti was my grandfather and the following pages are a collection of photographs and other family memorabilia of an event honoring him upon his retirement from active service as a General Organizer of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA). The event occurred on January 10, 1948 at the Hotel Sinton in Cincinnati Ohio.

Emilio was a pioneering Italian-American labor organizer whose career in the clothing workers' movement spanned nearly half a century. Arriving in the United States in 1906, he became active in the garment workers' struggles in Chicago and later helped build the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America (ACWA), serving for many years as a general organizer. His work took him to cities across the country, including Chicago, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Rochester, St. Louis and Duluth, organizing workers and strengthening local unions. A committed socialist and anti-fascist, he also worked among Italian-American communities and was active in the Mazzini Society. By the time of his retirement in 1948, he was regarded by his colleagues as one of the veteran pioneers of the ACWA and a significant figure in the American labor movement.

To the best of my knowledge, photos of this event were provided to my grandfather by the ACWA after the event and the originals remain in the family's possession. The scanned images of Emilio's speech have been preserved by our family along with the various newspaper clippings. Any inaccuracies in this document are my own.

Note: Future revisions may incorporate additional information, photographs, or documents as they are discovered. It is also one part of a planned collection related to Emilio's labor activities, as well as a larger project aiming to preserve the memories of the two generations of Grandinettis that preceded mine.

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General Organizer

EMILIO GRANDINETTI

Saturday, January 10, 1948 - - - Hotel Sinton Ballroom

Upon his retirement from active service in the

Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America

Brother Grandinetti who has devoted the greater part of his life to the labor movement in general, also contributed greatly to the success of the Cincinnati Joint Board in organizing the clothing workers of Cincinnati.

Those who remember the early struggles of our Organization dating back to 1914, will remember Brother Grandinetti for his untiring efforts on and off the picket line, in bringing the message of hope and encouragement to the workers in the clothing industry, at the expense of his own well being, as it took courage to face the odds in those days.

Yet Grandinetti never once wavered, and continued relentlessly in his task to bring the clothing workers of Cincinnati into the Amalgamated.

The Officers and members of the Cincinnati Joint Board are proud of his contribution and devotion to the Amalgamated, generally, and to the Cincinnati Joint Board, particularly. We take this means of expressing our sincere appreciation by honoring him as our guest on this occasion.

We hope all the old timers, as well as the newcomers in our Organization who have come to know Brother Grandinetti, will join us in paying tribute to him.

Tickets can be secured from your Shop Chairman.

Cincinnati Joint Board,
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America

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Cincinnati Joint Borad ACWA announcing the testimonial dinner

A full gathering photograph showing the ballroom with Emilo, family, speakers, and other guests seated at the table shown at the upper-right.

ACWA Vice-President Jack Kroll (probable identification) addressing the gathering.

"…After a full and rich life, rich not in worldly goods, but in service, accomplishments, and the admiration and affection of thousands, of staunch friends, Emilio Grandinetti has fully earned the leisure his union is granting him…"

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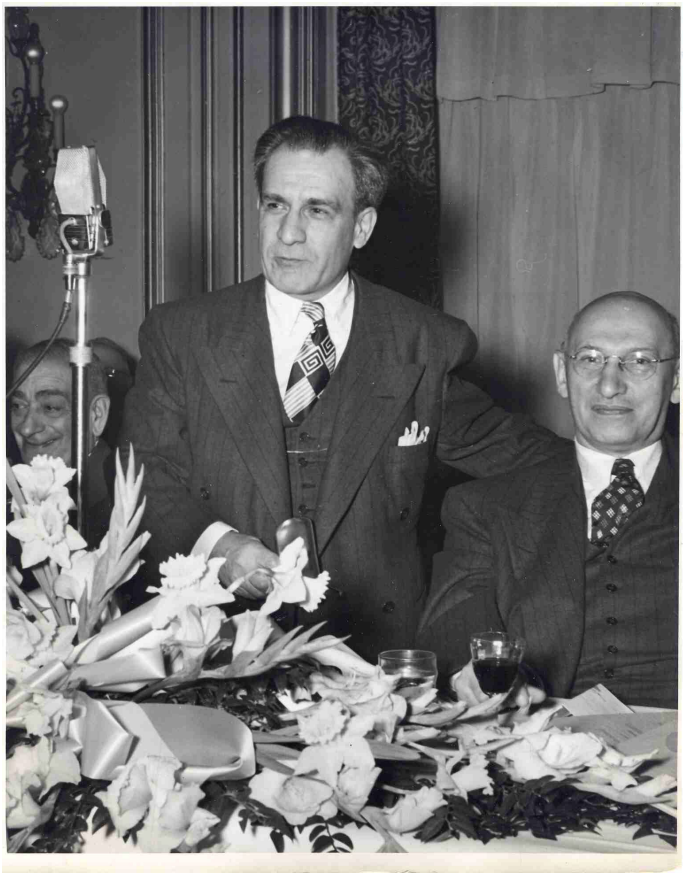

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Emilio Grandinetti and Frank Rosenblum.

Emilio's son, Mario Grandinetti, addressing the gathering

Unidentified speaker addressing the gathering

Unidentified speaker addressing the gathering – likely JTU Departmental Manager William Reznicek

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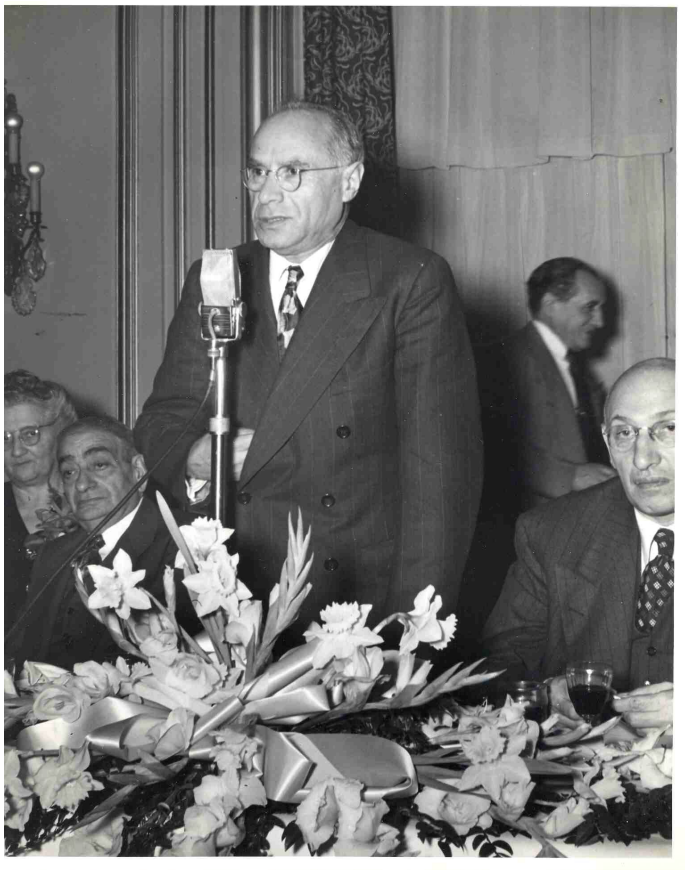


Unidentified speaker addressing the gathering

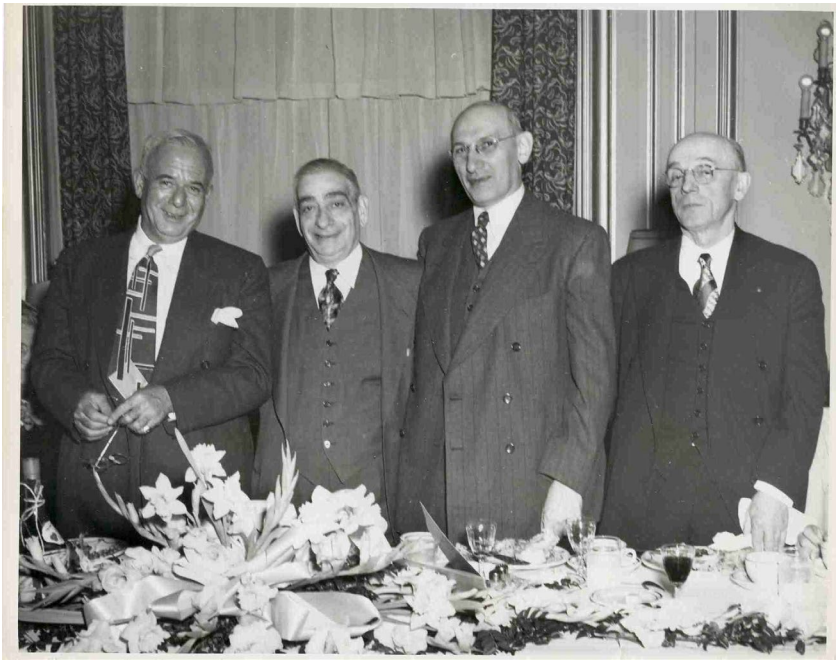
Elvira Grandinetti (Emilio's wife) – and ACWA Vice-President Jack Kroll

Emilio Grandinetti with Charlotte Grandinetti (left side of photo) and others. Under Charlotte's right arm, you can see part of a box of silverware that was one of the gifts given to Elvira that night.

Elvira and Emilio Grandinetti

Group shot with Elvira and Emilio center – others unidentified

Jack Kroll presenting Emilio with a gift – possibly an 8mm movie camera



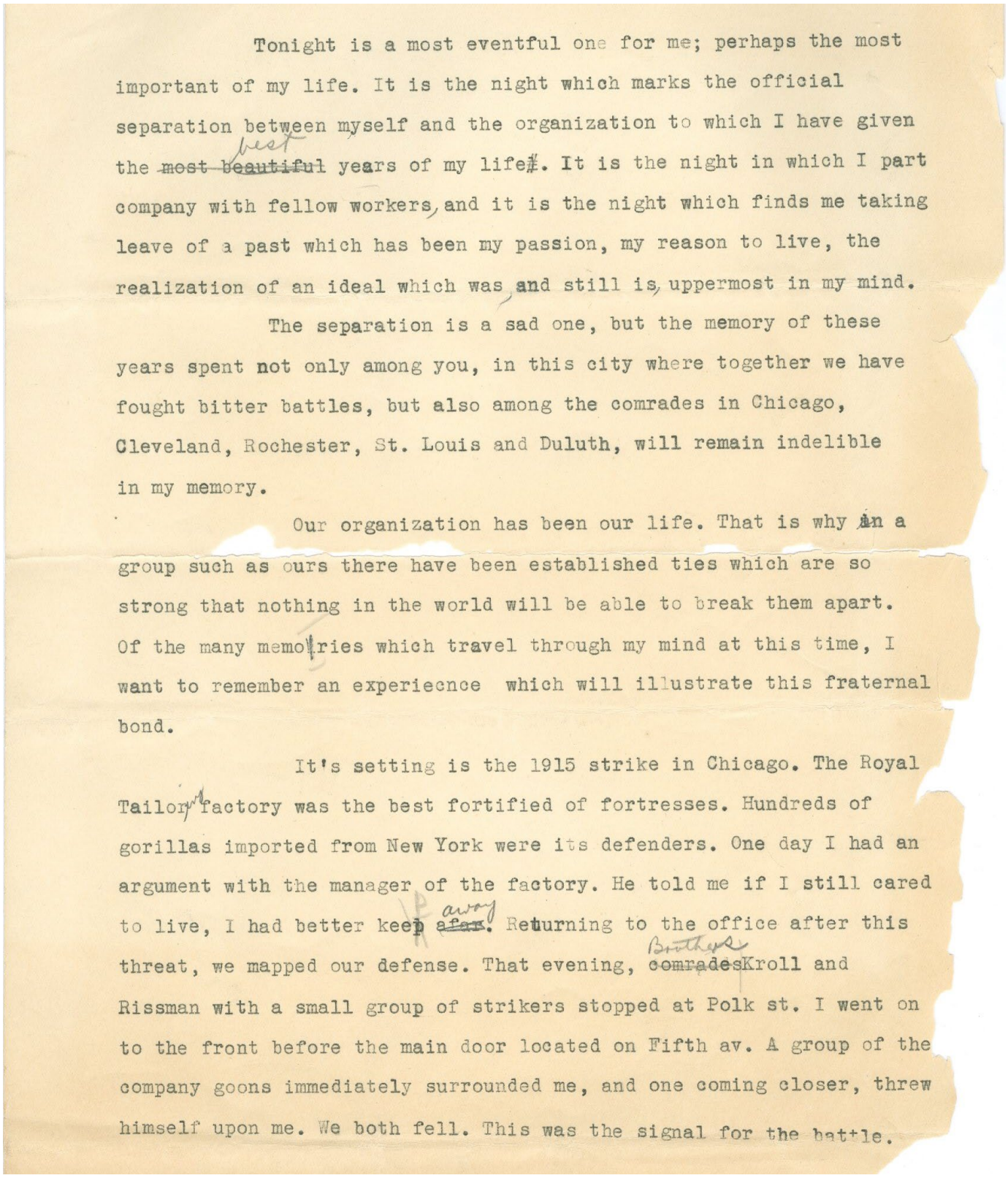
Picture that was used in one of the newspaper articles shown later which identifies – left to right – Jack Kroll, Emilio Grandinetti, Frank Rosenblum, William Reznicek

My favorite photograph from the evening: Emilio surrounded by his family. From left to right:

- *Mario Grandinetti (son, 1916-1975);*
- *Charlotte Grandinetti (Mario's wife, born Charlotte Marie Steinmetz, 1920-2008);*
- *Elvira Grandinetti (Emilio's wife, born Elvira Forte, 1885-1981);*
- *Emilio Grandinetti (1882-1964);*
- *Attilio Grandinetti (son, 1918-1987);*
- *Mary Grandinetti (daughter, 1913-2000);*
- *Richard Grandinetti (son, 1925-2009).*

Two of Emilio's sons, Angelo and Luigi (Louis), did not attend likely due to timing/distance.

This is Emilio's speech from that night. The scanned images that follow are either the pages he actually read from or an earlier working draft of his speech.



Tonight is a most eventful one for me; perhaps the most important of my life. It is the night which marks the official separation between myself and the organization to which I have given the ~~most beautiful~~ best years of my life#. It is the night in which I part company with fellow workers, and it is the night which finds me taking leave of a past which has been my passion, my reason to live, the realization of an ideal which was, and still is, uppermost in my mind.

The separation is a sad one, but the memory of these years spent not only among you, in this city where together we have fought bitter battles, but also among the comrades in Chicago, Cleveland, Rochester, St. Louis and Duluth, will remain indelible in my memory.

Our organization has been our life. That is why in a group such as ours there have been established ties which are so strong that nothing in the world will be able to break them apart. Of the many memories which travel through my mind at this time, I want to remember an experiecnce which will illustrate this fraternal bond.

It's setting is the 1915 strike in Chicago. The Royal Tailor factory was the best fortified of fortresses. Hundreds of gorillas imported from New York were its defenders. One day I had an argument with the manager of the factory. He told me if I still cared to live, I had better keep ~~afar~~ away. Returning to the office after this threat, we mapped our defense. That evening, ~~comrades~~ Brothers Kroll and Rissman with a small group of strikers stopped at Polk st. I went on to the front before the main door located on Fifth av. A group of the company goons immediately surrounded me, and one coming closer, threw himself upon me. We both fell. This was the signal for the battle.

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~~Comrade~~ Brother Kroll and the others joined the fight. Shortly after, the police arrived. When we untangled ourselves, ~~comrade~~ Brother Kroll was unrecognizable; his face was covered with blood and his shirt was in tatters. My own ribs pained me terrifically. Our only satisfaction was that several of the gorillas had been sent to the hospital. As though it were now, I remember that ~~comrade~~ Brother Kroll couldn't even open his jaws. Later that evening, he couldn't even eat. This is one of the many reasons why this organization is so dear to us; this is why we are jealous of it. It is blood of our blood. It is part of our life.

This is why tonight marks a turning point in the story of my life. The separation is sad, but I am happy that I am turning over my post to a youth which advances, rich with new energy, panting and thirsty with new ideals.

~~The labor unions are but the reflections of life;~~ they renew each other to live.

We have fought and through our battles, we have learned the toughness of victory. Through our defeats, we have planned our strategy to do better and assure future victories.

We haven't wavered; we haven't known either fear or betrayal.

On leaving my post, I have the satisfaction to say that our workers have proved themselves worthy of their citizenship in industry. You are no longer the slaves of yesteryear; the downtrodden of a past now only a memory, but the Builders workers of a new social structure which must assure the peace, justice, and true democracy to the world, because as you know there is no real democracy where freedom and justic is lacking.

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It is well at times to look back to measure the traveled road and thus to have a clear idea of the present pathand to anticipate our future lot.It is at the closing of a historical period when one age is setting as another rises that our curiosity makes us stop to ponder just at what point we have arrived in our long travelled road.

These rapid self inventories which society takes from time to time; this self analysis with which it examines its past and its present state, appraising the proper conditions and weighing the potentialities of the future are useful above all in these times in which the tide of discontent rises from all sides to batter furiously the dikes which it threatens to burst.

Modern man is now aware of the full responsiblity of his actions and it is this responsibility, product of a new civilized era, which represents the capital factor in this modern society.

Our happiness is a part of the happiness of all. The day that men come to understand this simple and profound truth, social life will cease to be a working problem; conflicts will end and the work of destruction will be a sad record of the past.

Tomorrow when my train is taking me back to my home, I shall follow the example of another leader who bore the name of your city. I refer to Cincinnatus. When the enemies besieged Rome, Cincinnatus took over command of the troops and defeated the enemy, liberating his city from the ~~invaders~~ invaders. When the battle ended, he returned to his little village, satisfied of having done his duty as a citizen. I shall return to my home, satisfied with my happy work as I think that our organization has established a leading

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position on the labor front, possessing the best leaders and worthy soldiers.

You who are the builders and the pioneers of a new social order, continue this march which will lead in the not too distant future, towards your complete emancipation. You shall do this not only to make this nation a better place to live but also for the redemption of all the peoples , which like yourself, ardently desire peace and justice.

Contemporary Newspaper Coverage – source: The Advance – an English-language newspaper of the ACWA

The ADVANCE, February 1, 1

Pioneer Organizer

Honor Grandinetti at Cincy Dinner; Retires After 30 Years' Service

AFTER MORE THAN 30 YEARS' service to the Amalgamated and a half century in the labor movement in our own country and Italy, Emilio Grandinetti of the National Office staff has retired under the Amalgamated pension plan. The Cincinnati Joint Board, with which Brother Grandinetti has been closely associated for many years, honored him at a testimonial dinner on January 10 at the Hotel Sinton and expressed appreciation for the contribution he has made to the organization.

Grandinetti's activities in the labor movement go back to 1898, when, at the age of 16, he became secretary of a socialist organization in Reggio, Calabria, Italy. Later he became assistant editor of the "Germinal" in Messina and carried on propaganda work in Calabria and Sicily.

Emigrating to the United States in order to escape prosecution for having written an article attacking the Italian monarchy, Grandinetti joined the struggles of the clothing workers for a higher standard of living in Chicago soon afterwards, and participated actively in the historic general strike there in 1910.

Not only has Grandinetti been active in the labor movement since that time, but he has been in the forefront of anti-fascist and liberal activities, particularly among the Italian members. During World War II he loaned his services to the Office of War Information and at present is connected with the American Committee for Italian Relief.

Since Grandinetti is one of the "grand old men" of the organization, it was no accident that the Cincinnati Joint Board honored him upon his retirement and that General President Jacob S. Potofsky paid tribute to him by message and General Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum and Vice Presidents Jack Kroll and William Rennicek.

ganization, Kroll said that members in that city know that Grandinetti's contribution was invaluable to the progress of their organization.

"After a full and rich life, rich not in wordly goods but in service, accomplishments and the admiration and affection of thousands of staunch friends, Emilio Grandinetti has fully earned the leisure his union is granting him," the toastmaster concluded.

Rosenblum Speaks

General Secretary - Treasurer Rosenblum paid tribute to Grandinetti not only for his services but as an old friend and companion. He brought the greetings of President Potofsky and the national organization.

"Emilio Grandinetti," he said, "fought side by side with the pioneers and devoted himself unstintingly to helping build our great organization. Since the early days it has been my privilege to direct his organizing activities, and I have always found him willing and able to answer his union's call to duty."

Vice President William Reznicek, departmental manager of the Journeymen Tailors Department of the ACWA, told of Grandinetti's contribution to the JTU prior to its affiliation with the Amalgamated and since that time in driving for [illegible]

regional director, and Robert J. Davidson, Cincinnati CIO Regional director.

Other guests from out-of-town were Manager Frank Napolitano of the St. Louis Joint Board, Ralph Troisi and Matilda Lape of the National Office staff, and Margaret Esterline of Indianaoplis.

Before presenting the guest of honor, Toastmaster Kroll conveyed his own and the organization's gratitude to Mrs. Grandinetti, saying that her contribution was as great as her husband's "for being an understanding wife of a union organizer." In behalf of the joint board, he presented gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Grandinetti.

Brother Kroll then turned to the Grandinetti children and told them that they can be proud of their father and mother "who came here as immigrants many years ago and contributed to the growth and welfare of this great nation, composed of people of many nationalities who came here seeking liberty."

The oldest son, Mario, confessed that he and the other children "used to wonder why Papa was away from home so much. But tonight we have been told the reason and we understand. It makes us [illegible]

members will never be broken, he added.

Grandinetti then briefly reviewed the early struggles of the Amalgamated, in Chicago and elsewhere, and commended the members for maintaining their excellent spirit throughout the years.

The retiring officer directed a few personal words of affection to Kroll and Rosenblum, with whom he had worked for many years. The latter, he said, "spurred us on to organize—going from city to city, wherever our help was requested." Today, he added, the union has seen its dreams become a reality.

He concluded by saying that he had the satisfaction of having had as companions in the cause men who have emerged from the ranks and who will leave their traces not only in our organization but in international affairs and are helping weld a new destiny for the people. His talk ended with a brief message in Italian.

Telegrams of congratulation were received from Vice-Presidents Bessie Hillman, Louis Hollander, Abraham Miller, Anthony Froise, Samuel Levin, August Bellanca, Abraham Chatman and Sander Genis and numerous organizers who had worked with Grandinetti in various markets throughout the country.

Canton Ohio, Holds Xmas Party, Dinner

About 100 members of Loc 485, Canton, Ohio, attended Christmas party held recent Members of this local are em ployed by the Michelson Man ufacturing Company.

Dinner was served in the cut ting room of the plant, whic was decorated in red and gree for the occasion and featured Christmas tree. Turkey wa served, supplemented by coveree dishes brought by the members

Guests included Verna Fabrizius of the National Office staff, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Michelson Mr. and Mrs. James Rodenborn and Mayor and Mrs. Gus Sandberg.

The committee in charge was composed of Jessie Harvouth, Anne Brown, Ann Simac, Rose Miller, Luella Essex, Marie Branchfield, Flora Sherwood and Lucille Connor.

Davenport Local Has Annual Party

The members of Local 264, Davenport, Iowa, held their annual Christmas party and dance on December 19 at the CIO Center in Rock Island. A chicken and fish dinner was served and dancing followed. One hundred fifty members of the cotton garment locals in Davenport, whose members are employed by Davenshire, Inc., and Shirt Makers, Inc., were guests. Almost 250

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and General Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum and Vice Presidents Jack Kroll and William Reznicek in person.

Manager Jack Kroll of the Cincinnati Joint Board acted as toastmaster. He said that Chicago, Cincinnati and many other cities owe a debt of gratitude to Grandinetti for his unselfish work in assisting them to establish their unions. Noting that the retiring officer had spent the larger part of his term as general organizer for the Amalgamated with the Cincinnati or-JTU prior to its affiliation with the Amalgamated and since that time in drives for improvements in the wages and working conditions of tailors and bushelmen.

Other speakers were Manager Morris Spitzer of the Detroit Joint Board; Business Agent Louis Chiostra of the Chicago Joint Board, who read a personal message of greeting from Vice-President A. D. Marimpietri; City Council member Roland Everett; William Lavelle, secretary-treasurer of the Ohio CIO; George DeNucci, Columbus CIO

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Grandinetti Expresses Appreciation

Overcome with emotion, Grandinetti began by declaring: "Tonight is a most eventful one for me, perhaps the most eventful in my life. It is the night which marks the official separation between myself and the organization to which I have given my best years." The close ties he has established with the

country.

President Jacob S. Potofsky, who was unable to be present, wrote to Associate Manager Arthur Hartman, in part: "I most deeply regret that I will be unable to attend this dinner. I say this with the deepest disappointment because I have known Brother Grandinetti since my early days in Chicago, from 1913 to 1916. He played a great role in the growth, struggles and achievements of our beloved organization in Chicago, Cincinnati and the Midwest."

guests attended the affair.

The children's party was held on December 21 at the Moose Hall in Davenport, with a dancing program furnished by the pupils of the Rae Dancing Studio. Santa Claus gave each child a bag of candy, animal crackers and an orange.

Local 264 has elected new officers who will be installed on February 10. A representative of the Western Organization Department is expected to officiate at the installation.

Above, the large crowd of Cincinnati officers and members and guests who gathered on January 10 to honor Emilio Grandinetti of the National Office staff, who retired after more than 30 years' service to the Amalgamated as general organizer.

Left, national officers greet Grandinetti. Left to right, ACWA Vice President Jack Kroll, manager of the Cincinnati Joint Board; Emilio Grandinetti, retiring organizer; General Secretary-Treasurer Frank Rosenblum; and JTU Departmental Manager William Reznicek.

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The SUN

Discuss "Black Market"

For months rumors of a black market in steel have been heard in Washington. Here (seated) are steel company executives R. C. Todd of American Rolling Mill, Norman J. Foy of Republic Steel Corp. and (standing) M. C. Schrader of Bethlehem Steel Corp., and C. H. Longfield of Youngstown Steel & Tube discussing charges during a lull in hearings before the House committee now investigating the situation. (Federated Pictures)

Clothing Workers | Name CIO Man

Grandinette Is Honored At Dinner

Emilio Grandinetti, organizer for the clothing workers for 37 years, was honored last Saturday at a testimonial dinner given by the Cincinnati Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers upon his retirement from active service with the Amalgamated.

Tribute was paid him by officers of the international union, his associates in Chicago, St. Louis and other cities where he helped establish the union, as well as officials of the Cincinnati ACW and CIO.

Jack Kroll, manager of the Joint Board and national ACW vice-president, was toastmaster. He praised Grandinetti's invaluable contribution to the progress of the Amalgamated.

Frank Rosenblum, ACW general secretary-treasurer, contrasted the oppressed non-union clothing worker of earlier days with "today's citizen of the clothing industry, with a voice and a vote in matters pertaining to his future welfare and security" and the hard work which had acheived this result. Grandinetti was outstanding among the intelligent, courageous and conscientious men who gave of themselves toward the building of the Clothing Workers union, he said.

William Lavelle paid tribute to Grandinetti on behalf of the Ohio CIO and Robert Davidson, on behalf of this region. Messages were read from Jacob S. Potofsky, ACW president, and from the General Executive Board.

The Joint Board presented Grandinetti with a movie camera and Mrs. Grandinetti with a silver table service. An album of pictures taken at the dinner will be given him.

Taft-Hartley Law Looms As Strike Cause in 1948, Gov't Forecast Says

WASHINGTON (FP) — Wages were the chief cause of strikes in 1947, but controversies over the application of the Taft-Hartley law will loom more important as a strike cause in 1948, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said last week in a review of the industrial dispute record for the past year.

Many strikes "centered about the sharp increases in living costs encountered by wage earners," BLS said, adding: "Toward the close of the year some controversies emphasized issues arising out of certain provisions of the Taft-Hartley law."

It followed up by saying many union contracts were ed in the first half of 1947 issues which might arise the law would not normall pear until these agreements pire in 1948 or, in some even later.

During 1947 the BLS r showed about 2.2 million days from the job, or four-t of 1% of the estimated wo time.

This record was far peaceful than in 1946, year big postwar stoppages, nearly twice as many wo went out, losing more than times as much working tim

Almost half of the year's days on strike were accou for by three big battles; nationwide strike of the Federation of Telephone W ers (unaffiliated), later refo as Communications Worke America; the east coast stri the Industrial Union of M & Shipbuilding Workers and a brief stoppage in bitu ous fields by the United Workers (unaffiliated).

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are residing in the church parsonage at 7105 Miami Ave. He succeeds the Rev. Dr. John A. Garber, who resigned several months ago to become pastor of a church in Atlanta.

Ohio CIO To Hold School On Compensation, Safety

The Ohio Congress of Industrial Organizations Council in Columbus yesterday announced plans for a Workmen's compensation and Safety School, to be held February 4-5 at the Hotel Seneca, Columbus.

William Lavelle, Secretary-Treasurer of the state CIO council, said the organization would invite all CIO unions and councils in the state to send delegates to the two-day session.

The school is to be conducted along "brass tack practical lines," Lavelle said, with experts teaching the classes. "Its principal purpose will be to enable every CIO body to have on its staff someone informed in workmen's compensation and safety matters to give advice and guidance in the event of an accident, or in the correction of industrial hazards," Lavelle said.

COURT SCHEDULES CHANGED.

A change in Police and Traffic Court schedules in Norwood was annouced yesterday by Mayor R. Edward Tepe who said that Police Court would be held each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and Traffic Court Wednesday and Friday. Sessions will begin at 8:30 a. m.

gun to his shoulder and fired both barrels at the elder Lang.

Detectives said Lang could not be questioned immediately because he was "not rational."

and Canada viewed each creation and measured its chances of survival in the world of men's fashions.

CIO To Honor Grandinetti, Clothing Worker Organizer

Clans of the Congress of Industrial Organizations are to meet at the Hotel Sinton at 7 p. m. tomorrow to honor Emilo Grandinetti, Chicago, veteran organizer for the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America.

GRANDINETTI.

Cincinnati was picked as the site of the testimonial dinner because of its central location and a nostalgia of the union's founders. Most of the speakers at the ceremonies will be internationai officers. They include Jack Kroll, Cincinnatian, head of the CIO Political Action Committee; Frank Rosenblum, Chicago, Vice President of the clothing workers union, and William Rezniak, New York, head of the Journeymen Tailors' Branch of the union.

The career of Grandinetti is almost as picturesque as that of Kroll, who now lives in Washington and who is conceded to be one of the most powerful figures in organized labor.

A native of Italy, Grandinetti is one of the pioneers in the clothing workers' union. He studied engineering at the Superior Institute, Messina, Italy, but abandoned an engineering career to affiliate himself with the labor movement when he came to the United States in 1906, moving to Chicago.

In fact, local officials said, Grandinetti was a fugitive who escaped Italy to evade a jail sentence imposed because of articles written against the Italian King.

An insurgent group within the United Garment Workers Union, headed by the late Sidney Hillman, whom Kroll succeeded, won Grandinetti's support and he became associated with the group which founded the powerful Amalgamated ACWA union in 1914.

Grandinetti came to Cincinnati that year and passed the greater part of his time here, but exercised his talents in organizing the clothing industry generally. In 1937, his union says, he completed 100 per cent organization, not only in Cincinnati but throughout the nation.

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The SUN

Clothing Workers Honor Grandinotti, Veteran Organizer, As He Retires After 49 Years

The Cincinnati Joint Board, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, will honor a veteran member and organizer, Emilio Grandinetti, at a testimonial dinner, Saturday, Jan. 10, at the Hotel Sinton Grand Ballroom. Recognition will be given his 49 years of service in the labor movement in Italy and the United States, upon the occasion of his retirement from active service with the Amalgamated Clothing Workers.

Among the national officers who will pay tribute to this early pioneer of the Amalgamated will be Frank Rosenblum, general secretary-treasurer, Vice Presidents Jack Kroll, Joint Board manager and William Reznicek, head of the Journeymen Tailors Branch, with whom Grandinetti was associated before entering the services of the Amalgamated in 1913.

Brother Grandinetti has exhorted tailors to organize from many a platform, in Chicago and its environs, Rochester, Cleveland, Indianapolis, Duluth, St. Louis and in Cincinnati where he spent most of his years of labor, which culminated in complete organization of this market in 1937.

In addition to his duties as general organizer for the Amalgamated, he has always been active in numerous liberal movements, particularly among the Italian communities. He has been in the forefront of the anti-fascist movement in America since the early days of fascism. He lent his services during the war to the Office of War Information. He is today active in the American Committee for Italian Relief collecting funds, clothing and food for his native land.

Brother Grandinetti came here as a youth from Italy to escape a jail sentence imposed upon him for articles written in the Socialist periodical against the King of Italy and the monarchy.

Emilio Grandinetti

Eisen Was Santa

One of the highlights of the Christmas party given by the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Joint Board was the jovial Santa Claus played by Joseph Eisen. Everyone at the party was most enthusiastic about

5000 Telephone Workers To Join CIO On Coast

SAN FRANCISCO (FP) —The 5261 members of the United Bro. of Telephone Workers (unaffiliated) voted Dec. 30 to join the Telephone Workers Organizing Committee (CIO), as recommended by the brotherhood Executive Board.

The vote by secret ballot was CIO 1867, Intl. Bro. of Electrical Workers (AFL) 296, Communication Workers of America (unaffiliated) 284, void 117. The TWOC-CIO was a 3 to 1 winner over both opponents.

The vote, which was preliminary, will be finalized by another ballot on which the members will vote Yes or No on TWOC-CIO affiliation.

The Executive Board, according to Editor Harold McKay of the UBTW Exchange, union monthly journal, recommended the TWOC because in the board's opinion only the TWOC could bring all the phone unions on the coast into a single organiza-

Auto Workers

Chev-Fisher Employe Enjoy 4-Day Holiday

By Paul Fichter
UAW-674

The four-day New Year holiday at Chevrolet and a welcome relief for most of our people who have b very hard to produce the needed cars and trucks. I the needed vacation, I am sure most people will agr holidays call upon our physical as well as financial re sonally there is some doubt as to which is the mo working at work or working at play.

Last week the main topic of conversation around the shop was what about Henry Wallace and his third party. Everyone is certain that it will get nowhere fast but there was a diversity of opinion as to what effects it would have on the outcome of the national elections.

Most of the labor leaders, including the president of the UAW, are definitely against a third party. Labor cannot afford the luxury of fighting among themselves at a time when solidarity is needed—to unite behind a common program to defeat the enemies of labor.

Somehow we believe that the third party will not have any material effect on the results, as most working people do not cut their own throats just to get even with an administration. "If we don't hang together we will all hang separately."

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Moraine Products Division of G-M in Dayton, which makes brake cylinders and bearings for Chevrolet cars and trucks, gave each employe a 100% woolen blanket for Christmas. This news item should be kept in your scrap book for future reference.

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Question of the week: Why is it that an executive of Chevrolet can get work done for his personal convenience and plea ure while employes have raise hell to get something paired for the benefit of

Factory Wage

WASHINGTON — average weekly wag facturing productio rose a scant 4c betw and November acco Bureau of Labor St said the average wo a 40.3-hour week at grossed $51.02.

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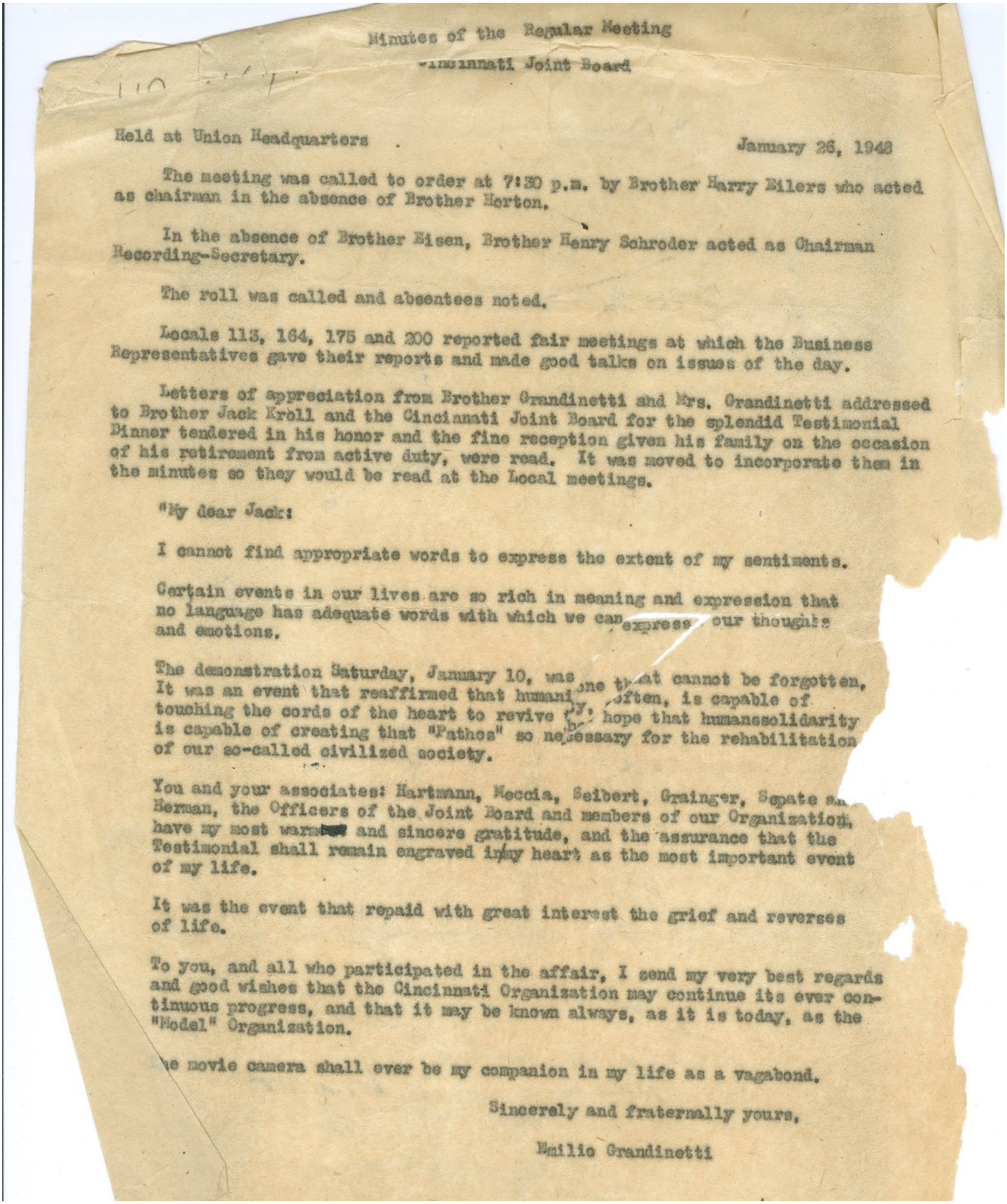


Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Cincinnati Joint Board

Held at Union Headquarters January 26, 1948

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Brother Harry Eilers who acted as Chairman in the absence of Brother Horton.

In the absence of Brother Eisen, Brother Henry Schroder acted as Chairman Recording-Secretary.

The roll was called and absentees noted.

Locals 113, 164, 175 and 200 reported fair meetings at which the Business Representatives gave their reports and made good talks on issues of the day.

Letters of appreciation from Brother Grandinetti and Mrs. Grandinetti addressed to Brother Jack Kroll and the Cincinnati Joint Board for the splendid Testimonial Dinner tendered in his honor and the fine reception given his family on the occasion of his retirement from active duty, were read. It was moved to incorporate them in the minutes so they would be read at the Local meetings.

"My dear Jack:

I cannot find appropriate words to express the extent of my sentiments.

Certain events in our lives are so rich in meaning and expression that no language has adequate words with which we can express our thoughts and emotions.

The demonstration Saturday, January 10, was one that cannot be forgotten. It was an event that reaffirmed that humanity, often, is capable of touching the cords of the heart to revive [illegible] hope that humanssolidarity is capable of creating that "Pathos" so necessary for the rehabilitation of our so-called civilized society.

You and your associates: Hartmann, Meccia, Seibert, Grainger, Sepate and Berman, the Officers of the Joint Board and members of our Organization, have my most warm[illegible] and sincere gratitude, and the assurance that the Testimonial shall remain engraved in my heart as the most important event of my life.

It was the event that repaid with great interest the grief and reverses of life.

To you, and all who participated in the affair, I send my very best regards and good wishes that the Cincinnati Organization may continue its ever continuous progress, and that it may be known always, as it is today, as the "Model" Organization.

[illegible]e movie camera shall ever be my companion in my life as a vagabond.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

Emilio Grandinetti

"Cincinnati Joint Board,
Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America Attention: Mr. J. Kroll

Dear Mr. Kroll:

As I did not have the opportunity to show my gratitude for all that was done for my family and myself on our visit to Cincinnati, I would like to extend my deepest thanks to you, the staff members and the members of the Cincinnati Joint Board. This occasion will always be remembered as a highlight of my life. The courtesies and considerations demonstrated, exceeded far beyond my expectations.

As I retire with my husband this event will be a sweet memory of the past to guide us through the years of the future. As one goes through life one is able to realize that the only tangible wealth is friendship. From the demonstration shown we can say that we have accomplished that end. This memory has become part of us and a part that we shall always cherish.

Mere words cannot express the depth of our gratitude and we hope to convey our appreciation by saying thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Elvira Grandinetti and Family"

Brother Seibert reported the following:

Up to the present time we have not been charging Ex-Service Men and Women an Initiation Fee. However, after February 1, 1948 we will charge initiation unless recently discharged from the Service.

We ask for volunteers to make a Santa Claus suit, so we need not rent one yearly for the Joint Board Childrens Christmas Party and Officers Party.

The February Local Union meetings will have as special order of business, the nomination of the Staff, Joint Board and Local Union Officers for the coming election.

A representative is here from the Stabilization Department of our National Office, making a survey of the ready-made houses.

CIO President Philip Murray will be on the radio, Friday January 30. All are urged to listen to his address.

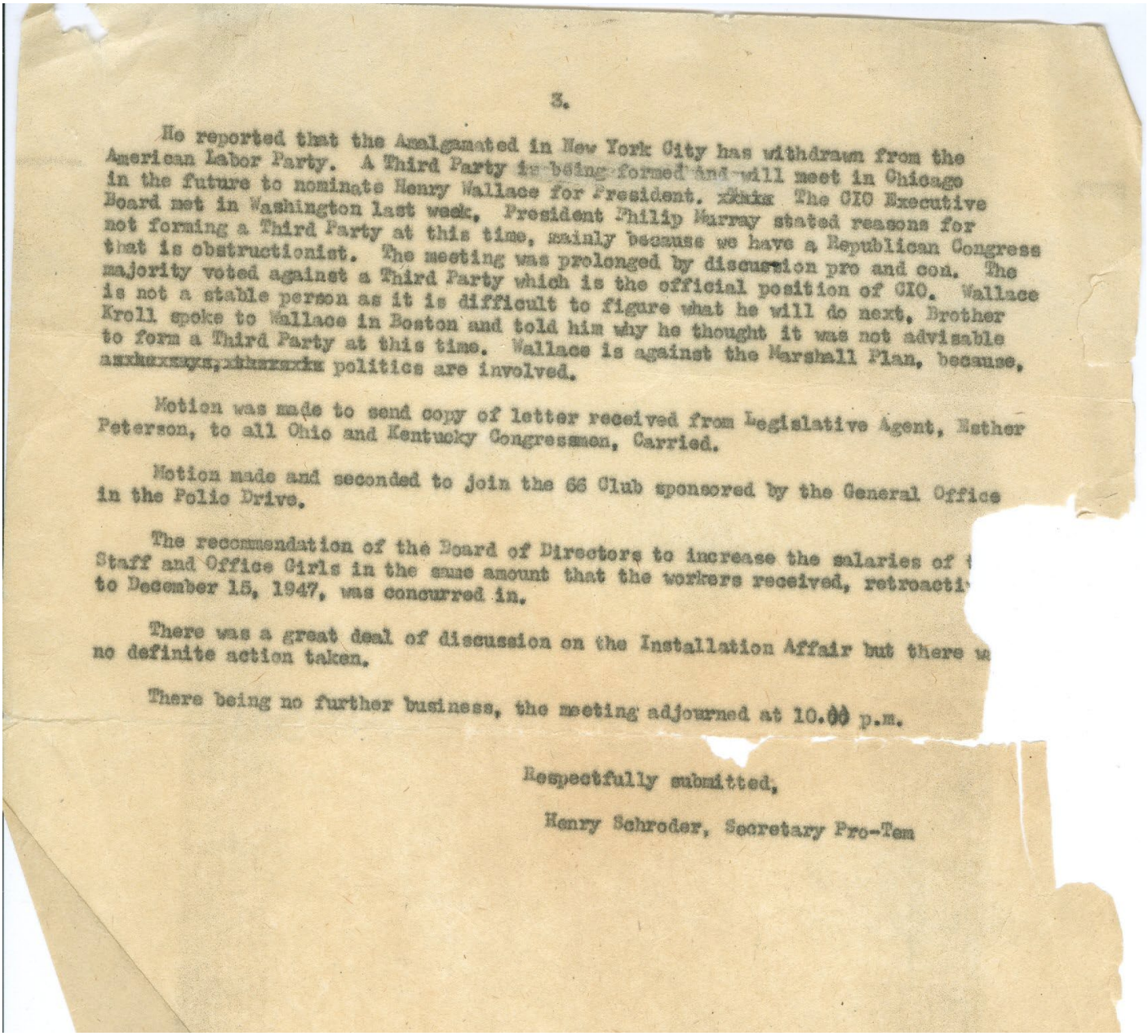
The CIO Council is to raffle an Oldsmobile. We will have complete information later.

Brother Hartmann paid us a visit. His excuse for coming out was that he needed a haircut badly. He is feeling much better.

The Installation of Officers affair is to be discussed at this meeting.

Acting Chairman Brother Milers called on Manager Brother Kroll, who came in especially for the meeting, to give us a review of current events, and within our Organization throughout the country.

Brother Kroll first announced there would be an increase in the sick benefit allowance. While complete details are not yet available, we would hear from the Insurance Company in the near future.



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He reported that the Amalgamated in New York City has withdrawn from the American Labor Party. A Third Party is being formed and will meet in Chicago in the future to nominate Henry Wallace for President. The CIO Executive Board met in Washington last week. President Philip Murray stated reasons for not forming a Third Party at this time, mainly because we have a Republican Congress that is obstructionist. The meeting was prolonged by discussion pro and con. The majority voted against a Third Party which is the official position of CIO. Wallace is not a stable person as it is difficult to figure what he will do next. Brother Kroll spoke to Wallace in Boston and told him why he thought it was not advisable to form a Third Party at this time. Wallace is against the Marshall Plan, because, politics are involved.

Motion was made to send copy of letter received from Legislative Agent, Esther Peterson, to all Ohio and Kentucky Congressmen. Carried.

Motion made and seconded to join the 66 Club sponsored by the General Office in the Polio Drive.

The recommendation of the Board of Directors to increase the salaries of t Staff and Office Girls in the same amount that the workers received, retroacti to December 15, 1947, was concurred in.

There was a great deal of discussion on the Installation Affair but there w no definite action taken.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10.00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Henry Schroder, Secretary Pro-Tem